AYURVEDA COLLEGE

*537. [66] **Sri. A. K. George:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Medicine be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what were the demands set up by the students of the Ayurveda College recently before the Government; and

(*b*) did the Government meet all or any of their demands?

Minister for Finance and Revenue **(Sri. A. J. John):**

(*a*) The following demands were put forth by the students of the Ayurveda College.—

(1) to institute a Faculty of Ayurveda under the University;

(2) to award degrees to those who have passed in the professional course;

(3) to treat Ayurveda on a par with Allopathy;

(4) to give adequate representation in the Medical Council for Ayurveda on a population basis;

(5) (*a*) to institute part system and September examination for public examinations conducted at present;

(*b*) to stop the practice of detaining third year students for whom there is no public examination.

(*c*) to make adequate provision to continue studies in those classes which will have to be abolished year by year on introducing new courses of studies;

and (*d*) to provide adequate facilities for practical training in the Hospital and Pharmacy.

(*b*) Most of the demands of the students have been met as shown hereunder.

(1) Faculty of Ayurveda has been instituted under the University; and steps are being taken to institute degree courses.

(2) Government sanctioned the award of a Diploma in Indian Medicines to those who pass in the Professional course examinations.

(3) and (4) It has been decided that the question of giving proportionate representation to Ayurvedic physicians in the Medical Council and of treating Ayurveda on a par with Allopathy are not issues to be raised by the students and that they will be disposed of at the proper time in consultation with the Heads of Departments.

(5) (*a*) It has been decided to allow part system for public examination.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration; and

(*d*) Steps are being taken to re-organise the hospital and pharmacy accordingly along with the reorganisation of the College.

TEXT BOOKS

*538 [67] **Sri. A. K. George:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the Text Book Committee set up for 1950-1951;

(*b*) did the Government make all school text books available at the time of the reopening of the schools?

Minister for Education, Lobour and Civil Supplies **(Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon):**

(*a*) Early in April 1950.

(*b*) All the text books published by Government were made available at the time of reopening of the schools. Copies of almost all private publications were ready by the 25th June 1950.

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